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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of April, 1987)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters made its largest increase since July of 1985. The land crew total increased by thirteen crews, and the marine crew total increased by one for a net increase of fourteen crews to a total of 164.

The April total (164) represents an increase of 9% from last month, a 20% decrease from April, 1986, a 57% decrease from April, 1985, a 65% decrease from April, 1984, a 63% decrease from April, 1983, a 74% decrease from April, 1982, and a decrease of 75% from the same month in 1981.

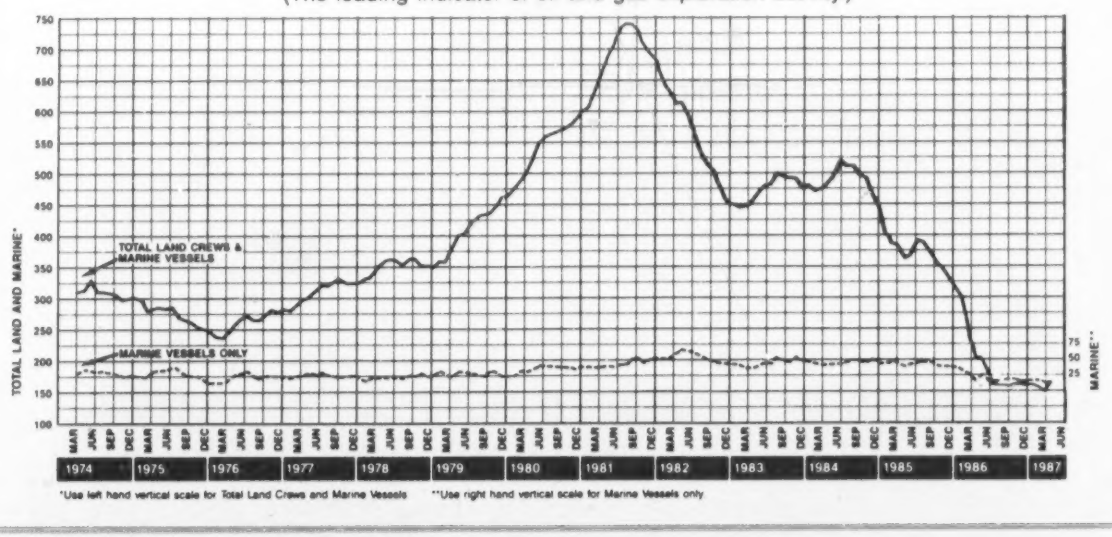
During April, three contractors were operating three of the 131 land crews and none of the nineteen vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Apr.'86	Apr.'85	Apr.'84	Apr.'83	Apr.'82	Apr.'81
	164	150	205	383	473	449	626	645

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo	Last Mo.	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1981	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1981
40 Contr's:	131	118	159	304	385	369	528	564	16	15	15	39	42	32	48	32
7 Oil Co's:	14	14	26	32	38	41	43	41	3	3	5	7	8	7	7	7
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	145	132	185	336	423	410	571	605	19	18	20	47	50	39	55	40

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Use left hand vertical scale for Total Land Crews and Marine Vessels **Use right hand vertical scale for Marine Vessels only

*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

April, 1987 (March figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
16 Contractors:	20 (82)	0 (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (2)	0 (0)
Totals:	20 (84)	0 (0)

Note: "Spring Break" for ground thaw explains the decline in Canadian crew activity during April.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
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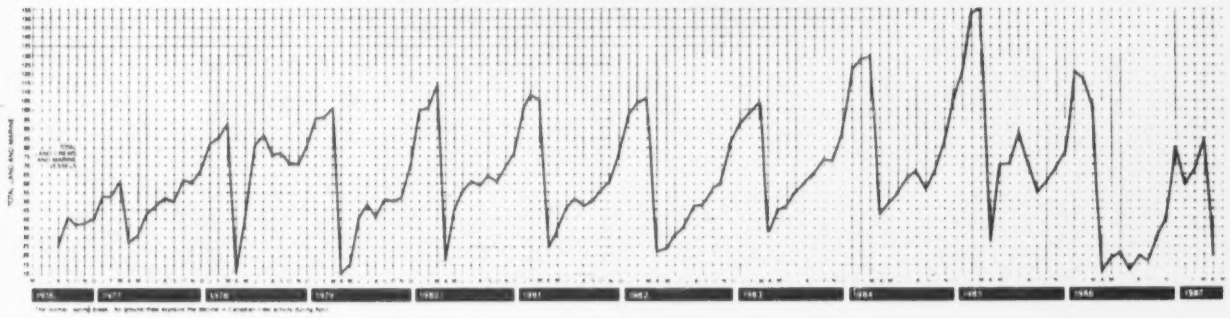

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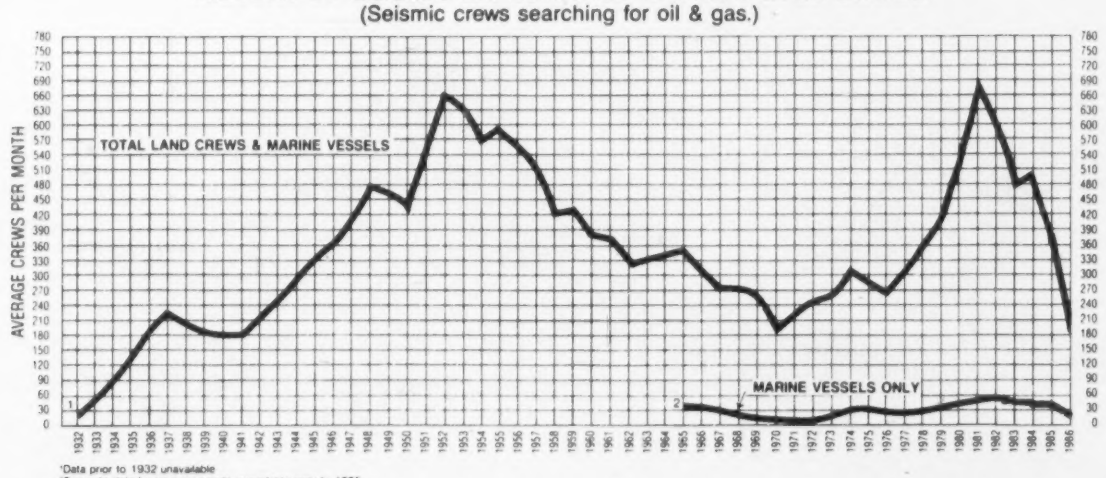
HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seismic crews searching for oil & gas.)



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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of May, 1987)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters showed an increase for the second consecutive month. The land crew total increased by one crew, and the marine crew total increased by one for a net increase of two crews to a total of 166.

The May total (166) represents an increase of 1% from last month, a 13% decrease from May, 1986, a 54% decrease from May, 1985, a 66% decrease from May, 1984, a 64% decrease from May, 1983, a 73% decrease from May, 1982, and a decrease of 75% from the same month in 1981.

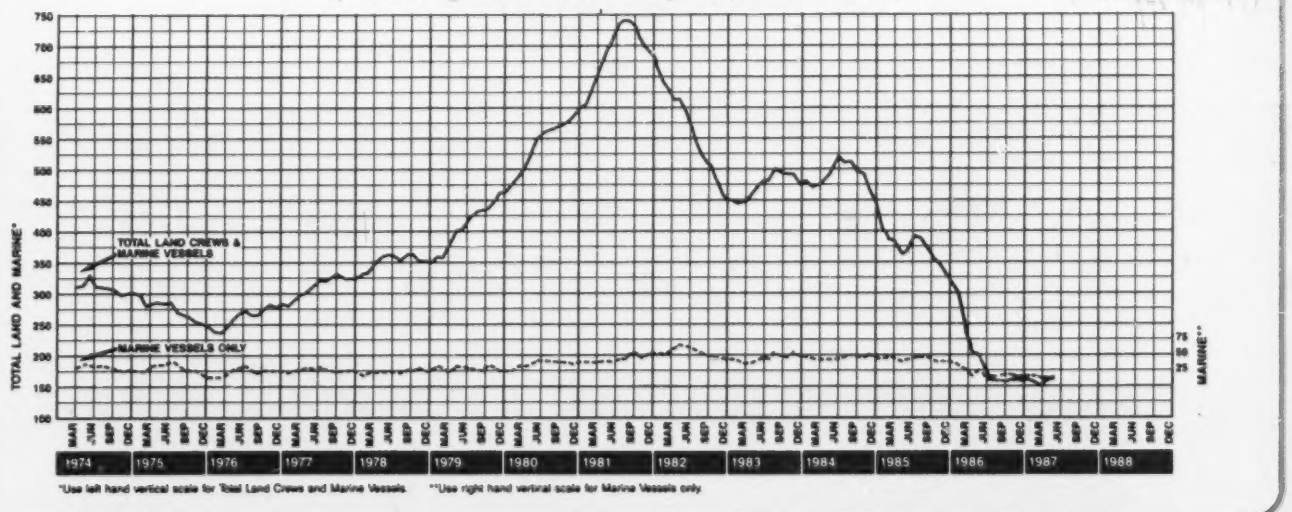
During May, one contractor was operating one of the 131 land crews and none of the twenty vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 166	Last Month 164	May '86 191	May '85 364	May '84 490	May '83 455	May '82 612	May '81 661

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo	Last Mo.	May 1986	May 1985	May 1984	May 1983	May 1982	May 1981	This Mo.	Last Mo.	May 1986	May 1985	May 1984	May 1983	May 1982	May 1981
41 Contr's:	131	131	148	293	406	375	508	578	17	16	14	35	38	33	53	34
8 Oil Co's:	15	14	24	30	38	41	43	41	3	3	5	5	8	6	8	7
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	146	145	172	323	444	416	551	619	20	19	19	41	46	39	61	42

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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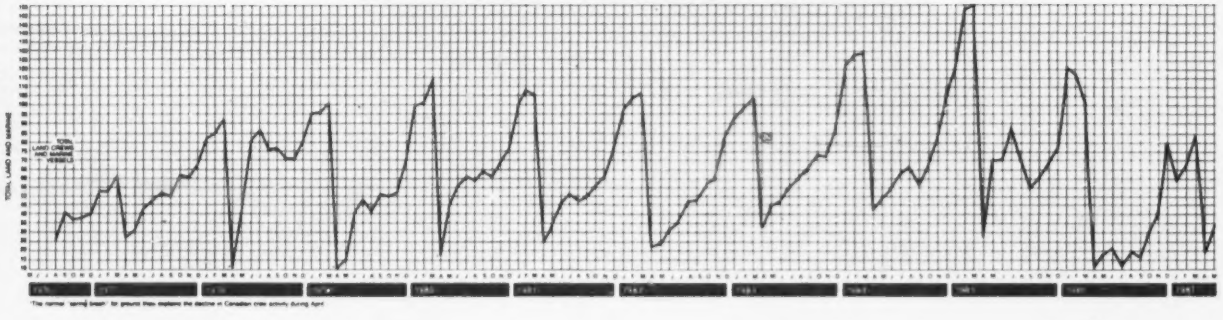
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

May, 1987 (April figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
21 Contractors:	33 (20)	1 (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	33 (20)	1 (0)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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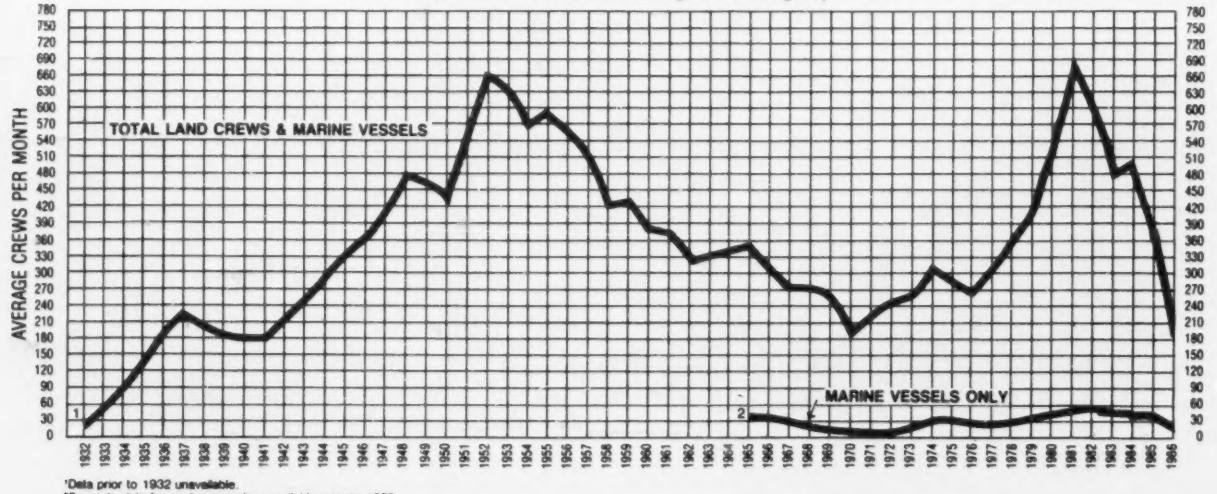

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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of June, 1987)

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The June total (169) represents an increase of 2% from last month, a 6% decrease from June, 1986, a 54% decrease from June, 1985, a 66% decrease from June, 1984, a 64% decrease from June, 1983, a 73% decrease from June, 1982, and a decrease of 76% from the same month in 1981.

During June, two contractors were operating one of the 133 land crews and one of the nineteen vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	June'86	June'85	June'84	June'83	June'82	June'81
	169	166	180	371	500	471	615	696

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo	Last Mo.	June 1986	June 1985	June 1984	June 1983	June 1982	June 1981	This Mo.	Last Mo.	June 1986	June 1985	June 1984	June 1983	June 1982	June 1981
43 Contr's:	133	131	140	294	418	387	503	610	19	17	14	40	38	37	62	37
7 Oil Co's:	14	15	22	30	37	41	43	42	3	3	4	6	7	6	7	6
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	147	146	162	324	455	428	546	652	22	20	18	47	45	43	69	44

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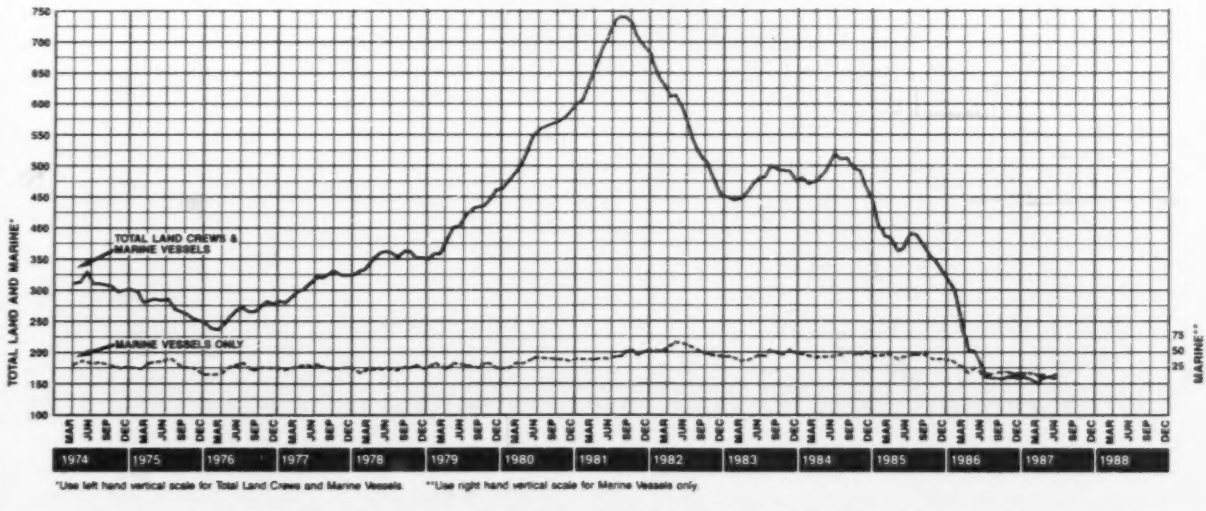

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CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

June, 1987 (May figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
21 Contractors:	32 (33)	1 (1)
1 Oil Company:	2 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	34 (33)	1 (1)

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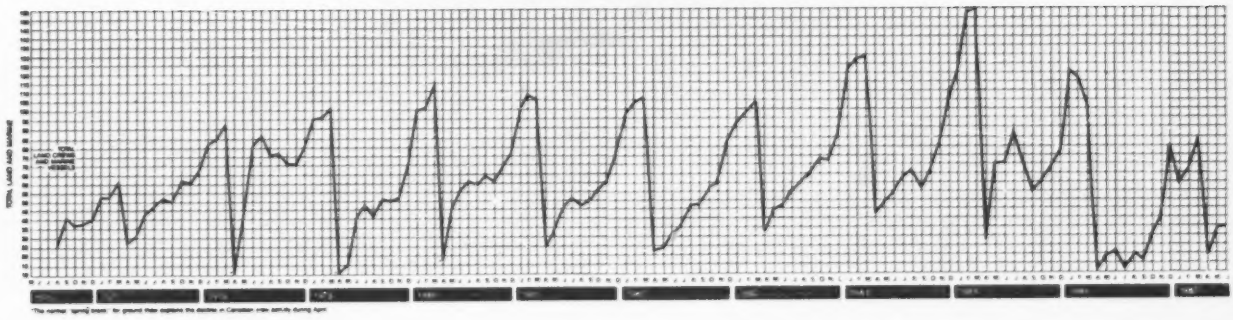

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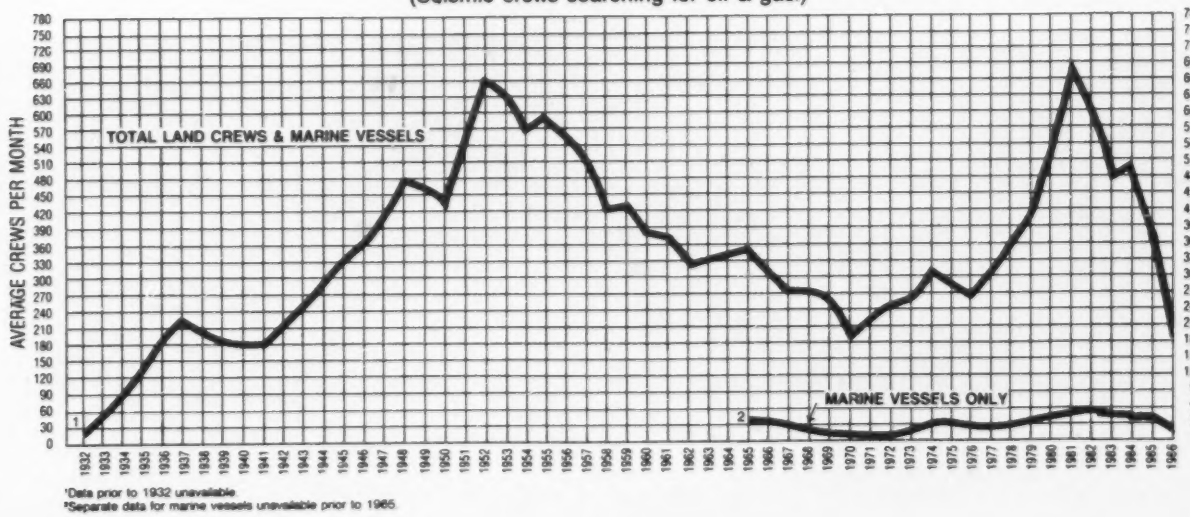

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